

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached Sheet 6 of the drawings includes changes to Figure 8, which replaces the original Sheet 6. The changes to Figure 8 include removing one occurrence of element number 870 and replacing it with element number 880.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet 6

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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed June 30, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein.

Claims 1-33 remain in the present application. Claims 1-7, 9, 21-27, and 31 were rejected. Claims 8, 10-20, 28-30, and 32-33 were allowable.

As part of this amendment, Applicant has amended the Specification and Sheet 6 of the drawings to correct typographical errors and previously undetected informalities. Specifically, Figure 8 on Sheet 6, as originally filed, included two elements labeled 870. In replacement Sheet 6, Figure 8 has been amended to re-label one occurrence of 870 as 880. No new matter has been entered.

In the June 30, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-7, 9, 21-27, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,853,336 issued to Asano et al. (hereinafter "Asano"). The Office Action asserted:

Regarding claim 1, Asan discloses an apparatus comprising ... a skin of a computing device, said skin comprising a conductive material ... and a slot in the skin, said slot comprising a slot antenna.

Applicant respectfully disagrees that Asano discloses "a slot in the skin, said slot comprising a slot antenna." Asano describes a "plate type slot antenna," which is element 20 in Figures 4 and 5 (col. 9, lines 1-2). This plate 20 is inserted between a display panel 13 and the outer skin, or housing 14, for the display

panel (col. 9, lines 11-14). Mounting screws 22 fasten plate 20 in place (col. 9, lines 26-32).

In other words, the slot antenna in Asano is a slot in a metal plate, and the metal plate is fastened to a display device. Applicant respectfully submits that Asano does not suggest, disclose, or enable a slot antenna that comprises a slot in the conductive skin of a computing device, as claimed in claim 1.

Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated by Asano.

Applicant submits that the reasoning presented above with respect to claim 1 similarly applies to claims 2-7, 9, 21-27, and 31. Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-7, 9, 21-27, and 31 are likewise not anticipated by Asano.

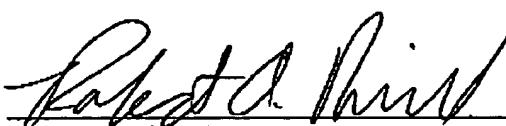
In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-33 are now in a condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

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